

Meet the Brunkens

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Brian Brunken

Graduating Year? 1989

Favorite Class/Teacher? Mr. Ron Callan.

CPS teacher that influenced you the most? Mr. Ron Callan and Mr. Chris Dixon.

Your most memorable high school experience? Playing football for the Discoverers and Coach Luebbe.

What would you change if you had high school to do all over again? Volunteer more.

Where do you live now? Elkhorn, NE

What are you doing now? I am a physical therapist and owner of Go Physical Therapy in Omaha.

I earned my OCS (Orthopedically Certified Specialist) of which there are only a few in Nebraska. I am married to Jennifer (Bosak) Brunken, and we have Ellie, who is a first grader at Skyline Elementary where Andy Luebbe (small world) is the principal. I am the past president for the Southwest Omaha Rotary Night Club and the chairperson for the Practice and Management Committee for the Nebraska Physical Therapy Association.

Jenny Bosak Brunken

Graduating Year? 1989

Favorite Class/Teacher? Biology, Mr. Callan.

CPS teacher that influenced you the most? Mr. Callan.

Your most memorable high school experience? Winning all-class gold medal at State Track Meet.

What would you change if you had high school to do all over again? Study more.

Where do you live now? Elkhorn, NE

What are you doing now? Married to Brian Brunken, working at First Data Resources as a Business Systems Analyst. Enjoy caring for our 7-year-old daughter, Ellie, and playing with our labradoodle, Cubby.

Amy Brunken Armbrust

Graduating Year: 1991


Favorite Class/Teacher? Math and Art
CPS teacher that influenced you the most? All of my teachers contributed to my learning.

Your most memorable high school experience? Received the first scholarship awarded by the Columbus Alumni Association and cheering at the state basketball championship game in 1989.

What would you change if you had high school to do all over again? I would have spent more time with my girl friends.

Where do you live now? The Millard part of Omaha.

What are you doing now? I am a physical therapist at the CHI Lakeside Clinic. My husband, Todd, and I have two sons, Logan, 16, who in addition to his AP high school classes at Millard West, plays the violin and baseball, and Nathan, 14, attends Russell Middle School and plays soccer, basketball and baseball. In the future, I would like to teach physical therapy classes at the graduate level.



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CHS/Kramer Class Challenge

By Shelly Schmidt
Alumni Association President


Last September, we challenged all classes to see which one could produce the most Alumni Lifetime members. We will issue the results of this challenge in the September 2015 issue of this publication.

It is now up to those of you who are not lifetime members to write your tax deductible checks (\$200 for singles/\$300 for couples) to the Columbus Alumni Association, PO Box 947, Columbus NE 68602-0947. Current lifetime members should use any means necessary to encourage their fellow classmates to accept this challenge and help their respective class win the title. The money is used to publish this newsletter and keep you informed as to what is going on with your alma mater.

The Class of 1970 currently has a slim lead. The Classes of

1953, 1959, 1960, 1965, 1968, 1969 and 1972, aren't too far behind. Every class has a chance if you spread the word. Do not delay, write your check today!

Which class will be the champion?



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Columbus Alumni Reunion Plans for 2015 & Beyond

1935 - Local class members meet every 4 months for lunch (Oct., Feb., Jun.). All '35 grads welcome.

1937 - Meets 1st Wed., every 4 months (March, July, Nov.).

1946 - '46 locals meet the first Friday of each month for lunch.

All classmates welcome. Contact: Ruth Olson Babka, 402-564-5991 or Laura Eller Stuefer, 402-564-2057.

1949 - Locals meet the first Monday of the month for breakfast at Picket Fence Cafe. All classmates welcome. Contact: Rosella (Blaser) Norris for info. 402-564-7498.

1956 - Meets at 10 a.m. the first Wed. of every month at Stack & Steak for morning coffee. All classmates welcome.

1955 - 60th Reunion - August 28 and 29, 2015. Friday - 4 p.m. meet at the home of Sandra Knox for a Pizza Picnic. Saturday - Kapel's Last Resort (near Creston) for dinner. Contact is Joanne Mueller Siefken.

1958 - Class lunch the first Wednesday of every month at noon at Maximus. All classmates and spouses welcome.

1959 - Meets the second Thursday quarterly (January, April, July and October) at Stack n' Steak at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and conversation. Classmates and spouses are welcome.

1962 - Meets the first Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at Picket Fence. All classmates and spouses are welcome.

1965 -50th Reunion - Save the date. June 5-7, 2015. For more information or to make a suggestion, please look us up on Facebook at Columbus Nebraska High School Class of 1965. More information at a later date.

1970 - 45th Reunion - August 14-16, 2015. August 14 - in the evening at Applegate's home; August 15 - in the evening at Dusters; August 16 - Possible brunch at Dusters. For more information, please contact Leta Oppliger Greene at 402-563-1640.

1975 - 40th Reunion - August 14-15, 2015. Friday night at the races (table by the finish line) and Saturday night downtown for Columbus Days. For more information, Contact Roger Iwansky at 402-562-9024.

1985 - 30th Reunion - June 26- 27, 2015 -June 26 - Social 7 p.m. at Maximus (Appetizers/drinks); June 27 - Social 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. at Wunderlichs. For updated info, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/chs1985grads/> or on Facebook: Columbus Senior High School Class of 1985 Reunion.

1990 - 25th Reunion - June 18, 2015. Matt Moore Memorial Golf Tournament at noon at Quail Run. Maximus Bar at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Mitch Slusarski at 605-484-6409. In the future, more details will be made available on Facebook.